

# Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church



Carol Robinson is pictured doing some cross-country skiing during a snow storm

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# The Lord's Day

## February 4, 2024

Prelude  
Hymn #258  
Cherub Choir  
Kids Korner  
Worship Music  
Prayer  
Reading (screen)  
Bible Message  
Hymn # 342  
Benediction

"Why  
should  
I  
forgive  
you?"  
Jeremiah 5:7

Common Ground Youth Group are at Winter Slam this weekend. Please be in prayer for the group as they travel home today. Pastor Josh will be away Feb 9-11.

*With amazing complexity our body regulates and communicates ... cell to cell, organ to organ ... switches and signals, hormones on the highways ... nerves jumping, intestines thumping, heart pumping ... astounding! And the brain ... overseeing, engineering, tweaking, asserting its will over all of it. What a revelation to understand our "body" as an illustration of Christ and his church! We meet together to regulate and communicate and to submit our will to the head, whose power and love flows through the body. So glad you're here!*

- We meet in WORSHIP, PRAYER, PREACHING, MUSIC (8:30/10:45)
- We meet in FELLOWSHIP, STUDY, ACCOUNTABILITY (9:50) [Sunday School]

### MONDAY - 7:00



Training session to acquaint folks with our new church kitchen. Open to anyone. Aaron Timmons will help familiarize you with the set up, possibilities and procedures.

### WEDNESDAY - 6:30

Bible study and Christian training classes ... adult, youth, children  
\* Great opportunity for your children. Bring them in for an hour!  
7:40 - Adult Choir

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	<b><i>This Week</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week</i></b>
<b>1st Nursery</b>	Lori & Morgan Clopper	Deb Michalsky & Heidi Myers
<b>2nd Nursery</b>	Cindy Rawley	Jim & Sarah Rosenberger
<b>Acolyte</b>	Grayson Murray 1st Loretta Wagaman 2nd	Dane Ruelas 1st Shelby Rife 2nd
<b>Prelude</b>	Leta Sipes	Suzanne Hess & John Piper
<b>Greeters</b>	Patti Valentine	Ed & Tawnya Tracey

<b>Last Week...</b>	1/28/24
<b>Attendance</b>	221
<b>General</b>	\$ 5,397.63
<b>Missions</b>	\$ 2,062.50
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$ 960.50
<b>Sunday School</b>	\$ 293.00



**March 6 - 10. Missions Conference**

Please join us Wed - Fri evenings, 6:30 to hear how God is using these missionaries.

Saturday a.m. Breakfast!

Sunday, March 10 - combined Worship Service (9:30)

Opportunities to host a missionary for a meal. Contact Heidi

Myers to volunteer. (717-321-6073)

March 31 - EASTER ... Sunrise service (6:30 a.m.)

Worship Service 9:30 (one combined service)



The Altar flowers are given in honor of all Sunday School teachers from Connie Tracey. She acknowledges and pays tribute to the hard work of all the teachers.

Apologies for the lack of service of the elevator recently. We can help you get to the upper level. Options:



- See Ben Stoops or Mark Michalsky ... they can actually make it work for you!
- Leave your car at the upper level door and ask any handsome fellow standing around to park it for you and retrieve it for you later. They will be glad to help!
- Ride a horse ... dismount at the upper level and say, "Stay there!"

Join us Feb 13, 9:30 am at Parlor House in Waynesboro for breakfast. Pray for NO SNOW. :)

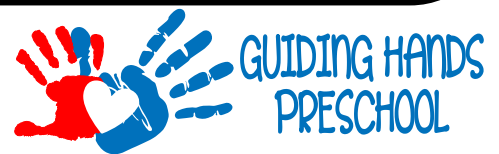


What is the most difficult thing you ever had to do? While you're thinking, try this one ... "FORGIVE someone who did me wrong." And think of this! Forgiveness is so basic that it is our only hope for heaven! Several sermons that could rearrange your attitudes and relationships!

The Work of Forgiveness  
I Don't Like It, But I Will Work with It.

Feb 11  
Feb 18

Preschool Registration for the 2024 Fall and 2025 Spring classes is now open. Brochures and registration forms are on the lower lobby table.



Volunteers are needed to serve in the nursery during both worship services. It is a very easy way to help. Sign-up sheet is on the lower lobby table. Consider signing up once or twice during the year.

## NECESSARY MIRACLE

"Why should I forgive you?" (Jeremiah 5:7)

"With God is forgiveness, therefore he is feared." (Psalm 130:3-4)

Forgiveness is a miracle every time it happens! It is \_\_\_\_\_ (failing to fulfill the appetite of our fallen human nature). It is \_\_\_\_\_ (acting in disregard of human nature).

\*There is nothing in the world of \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ "forgiveness".

### **"I'm sorry!"**

Whether speaking or being spoken to, these words are charged with human emotions. Two words, like two live wires without insulation ... ready to deliver a painful jolt or be mended by joining and insulating. God is the Master Electrician. \_\_\_\_\_ the charged emotions \_\_\_\_\_ so that he may \_\_\_\_\_ them while he repairs and heals (James 5:16).

**OT:** *kpr* = \_\_\_\_\_ i.e. conceal, bury, deliberately forget or ignore

*nsa* = \_\_\_\_\_ i.e. carry off, launch into the distance

**NT:** *aphieme* = \_\_\_\_\_ i.e. expel, drive off

*apoluo* = \_\_\_\_\_ i.e. cut a tie, break a connection

\*Purposeful, deliberate decision to "let go" of an offense

Humanly, we struggle ... difficult to proceed as if the offense never happened. This is why the Bible reminds us to put forth \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 4:32).

GOOD NEWS! God (not flawed or broken) has no such issues! What he forgives is no longer remembered! (Jer. 31:34)

\***Condition** = actual repentance (Mk 1:4, Lk 24:47, Acts 2:38, II Peter 3:9)

### **ATTITUDE**

The brothers \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph (Gen 37:3-8), brutally ripped him away from his family and homeland, then lied about what happened. For many years his parents and peers thought he was dead! (Do any of your mistreatments or grievances match this?)

The brothers \_\_\_\_\_ Joseph (unaware of his identity). He had the option of rejection, revenge, or reconciliation (Gen 42). Before he \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_. However, even before he concluded that reconciliation was possible, he "provided food for their starving households" (42:33). This illuminating statement indicates that Joseph \_\_\_\_\_ to forgive them. He never closed his mind to that possibility! And when the dam broke, he said, "God allowed the past tragedy for a good purpose and therefore all anger must be released" (42:4-7).

\*Petty argument or irreversible heartbreak, God's kind of forgiveness can be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by God's children. Forgiveness is a \_\_\_\_\_! It takes us to heaven and brings heaven's joy to earth.